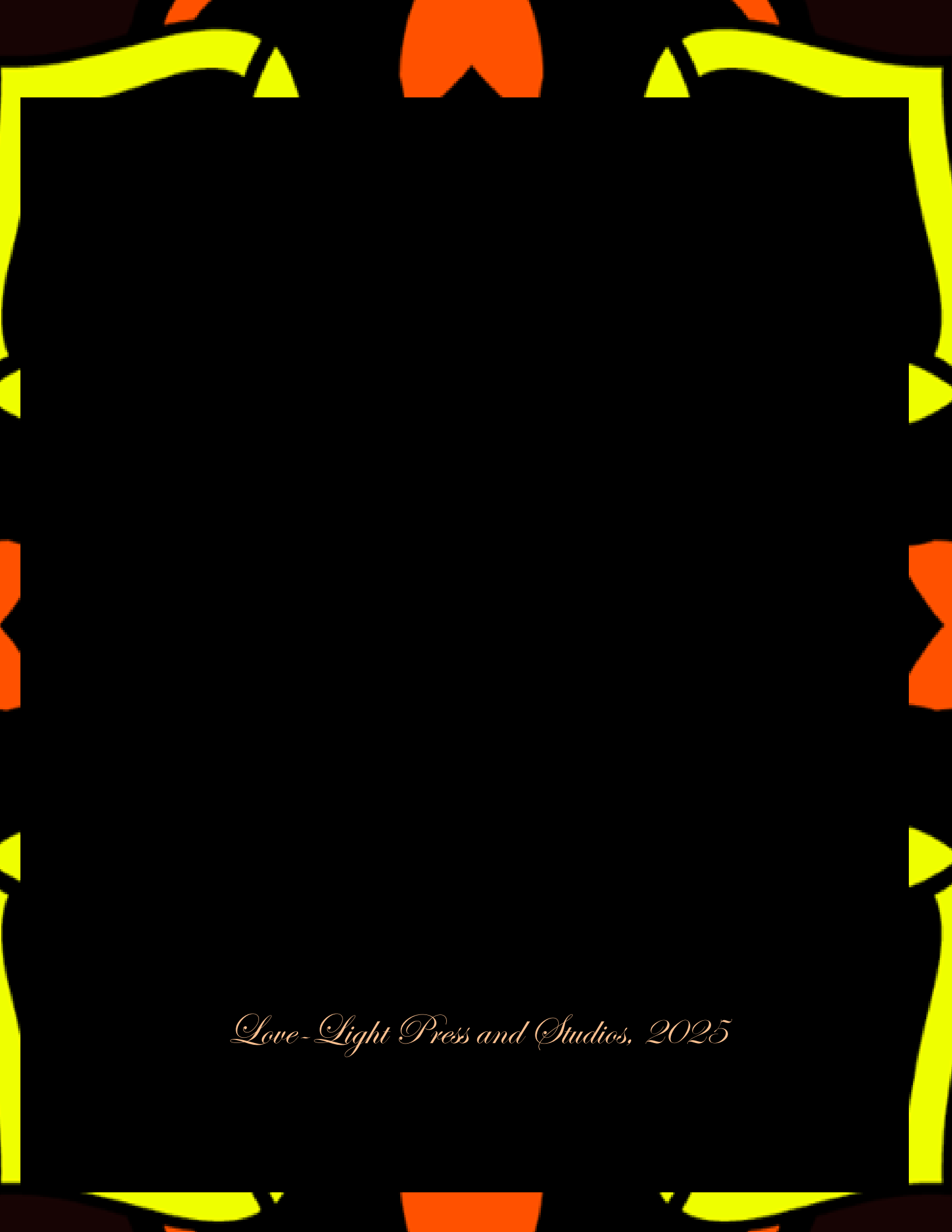


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8: 1 And after these things, when Artexerxes the king of the Persians reigned came Esdras the son of Saraïas, the son of Ezerias, the son of Helchiah, the

son of Salum,

**8=2 The son of
Sadduc, the son of
Achitob, the son of
Amarias, the son
of Ezias, the son of
Meremoth, the son
of Zariaias, the son
of Savias, the son
of Boccas, the son
of Abisum, the son**

**of Phinees, the son
of Eleazar, the son
of Aaron the
chief priest.**

**8=3 This Esdras
went up from
Babylon, as a
scribe, being very
ready in the law of
Moses, that was
given by the**

God of Israel.

8=4 And the king
did him honour:
for he found grace
in his sight in all
his requests.

8=5 There went
up with him also
certain of the
children of Israel,
of the priest of

**the Levites, of
the holy singers,
orters, and
ministers of the
temple, unto
Jerusalem,**

**8:6 In the seventh
year of the reign
of Artexerxes, in
the fifth month,
this was the**

**king's seventh
year; for they
went from
Babylon in the
first day of the
first month,
and came to
Jerusalem,
according to
the prosperous
journey which**

**the Lord
gave them.**

**8:7 For Esdras
had very great
skill, so that
he omitted
nothing of
the law and
commandments
of the Lord, but
taught all Israel**

**the ordinances
and judgments.**

**8=8 Now the
copy of the
commission,
which was
written from
Artexerxes the
king, and
came to Esdras
the priest and**

**reader of the law
of the Lord, is this
that followeth;**

8:9 King

**Artexerxes unto
Esdras the priest
and reader of the
law of the Lord
sendeth greeting:**

**8:10 Having
determined to deal**

**graciously, I have
given order, that
such of the nation
of the Jews, and of
the priests and
Levites being
within our realm,
as are willing and
desirous should
go with thee
unto Jerusalem.**

8: 11 As many
therefore as have
a mind thereunto,
let them depart
with thee, as it
hath seemed
good both to me
and my seven
friends the
counsellors;
8: 12 That they

**may look unto the
affairs of Judea
and Jerusalem,
agreeably to that
which is in the
law of the Lord;**

**8=13 And carry
the gifts unto the
Lord of Israel to
Jerusalem, which
I and my friends**

**have vowed, and
all the gold and
silver that in the
country of Babylon
can be found,
to the Lord in
Jerusalem,**

8: 14 **With that also
which is given of
the people for the
temple of the Lord**

**their God at
Jerusalem: and
that silver and
gold may be
collected for
bullocks, rams,
and lambs, and
things thereunto
appertaining;
8: **15** To the end
that they may**

**offer sacrifices
unto the Lord
upon the altar of
the Lord their
God, which is
in Jerusalem.**

**8: 16 And
whatsoever thou
and thy brethren
will do with the
silver and gold,**

**that do, according
to the will of
thy God.**

8: 17 **And the holy
vessels of the
Lord, which are
given thee for the
use of the temple
of thy God, which
is in Jerusalem,
thou shalt set**

**before thy God
in Jerusalem.**

8: 18 And
whatsoever thing
else thou shalt
remember for the
use of the temple
of thy God, thou
shalt give it out of
the king's treasury.
8: 19 And I king

**Artexerxes have
also commanded
the keepers of the
treasures in Syria
and Phenice, that
whatsoever Esdras
the priest and the
reader of the law of
the most high God
shall send for,
they should give it**

him with speed,
8:20 To the sum of
an hundred talents
of silver, likewise
also of wheat even
to an hundred
cors, and an
hundred pieces
of wine, and
other things in
abundance.

8:21 Let all things
be performed after
the law of God
diligently unto the
most high God,
that wrath come
not upon the
kingdom of the
king and his sons.

8:22 I command
you also, that ye

**require no tax,
nor any other
imposition, of any
of the priests, or
Levites, or holy
singers, or porters,
or ministers of the
temple, or of any
that have doings in
this temple, and
that no man have**

**authority to
impose any thing
upon them.**

**8=23 And thou,
Esdras, according
to the wisdom of
God ordain judges
and justices, that
they may judge in
all Syria and
Phenice all those**

**that know the law
of thy God; and
those that know
it not thou
shalt teach.**

**8=24 And
whosoever shall
transgress the law
of thy God, and
of the king, shall
be punished**

**diligently, whether
it be by death, or
other punishment,
by penalty of
money, or by
imprisonment.**

8:25 Then said
Esdras the scribe,
Blessed be the
only Lord God of
my fathers, who

**hath put these
things into the
heart of the king,
to glorify his
house that is
in Jerusalem:**

**8=26 And hath
honoured me in
the sight of the
king, and his
counsellors,**

**and all his friends
and nobles.**

8:27 Therefore was
I encouraged by
the help of the
Lord my God, and
gathered together
men of Israel to
go up with me.

8:28 And these are
the chief according

**to their families
and several
dignities, that went
up with me from
Babylon in the
reign of king
Artexerxes:**

**8:29 Of the sons of
Phinees, Gerson:
of the sons of
Ithamar, Gamael:**

of the sons of
David, Lettus the
son of Sechenias:

8=30 Of the sons of
Pharez, Zacharias;
and with him
were counted
an hundred
and fifty men:

8=31 Of the sons of
Pahath Moab,

**Eliaonias, the son
of Zariaias, and
with him two
hundred men:**

8:32 **Of the sons of
Zathoe, Sechenias
the son of Jezelus,
and with him three
hundred men: of
the sons of Adin,
Obeth the son of**

**Jonathan, and with
him two hundred
and fifty men:**

8:33 **Of the sons
of Elam, Josias
son of Gotholias,
and with him
seventy men:**

8:34 **Of the sons
of Saphatias,
Zaraïas**

**son of Michael,
and with him
threescore and
ten men:**

8=35 **Of the sons of
Joab, Abadrias son
of Jezelus, and
with him two
hundred and
twelve men:**

8=36 **Of the sons of**

**Banid, Assalimoth
son of Josaphias,
and with him an
hundred and
threescore men:**

8=37 **Of the sons
of Babi, Zacharias
son of Bebai, and
with him twenty
and eight men**

8=38 **Of the**

**sons of Astath,
Johannes son of
Acatan, and with
him an hundred
and ten men:**

**8=39 Of the sons of
Adonikam the last,
and these are the
names of them,
Eliphalet, Jewel,
and Samaïas,**

**and with them
seventy men:**

8:40 Of the sons
of Bago, Uthi the
son of Istalcurus,
and with him
seventy men.

8:41 And these I
gathered together
to the river called
Theras, where we

**pitched our tents
three days:
and then I
surveyed them.**

8:42 But when I
had found there
none of the priests
and Levites,

8:43 Then sent I
unto Eleazar, and
Iduel, and Masman,

8:44 And Alnathan,
and Mamaïas, and
Joribas, and
Nathan, Eunatan,
Zacharias, and
Mosollamon,
principal men
and learned.

8:45 And I bade
them that they
should go unto

**Saddeus the
captain, who was
in the place of
the treasury:**

**8:46 And
commanded them
that they should
speak unto
Daddeus, and to
his brethren, and
to the treasurers**

**in that place, to
send us such men
as might execute
the priests' office
in the house
of the Lord.**

**8=47 And by the
mighty hand of our
Lord they brought
unto us skilful men
of the sons of Moli**

**the son of Levi, the
son of Israel,
Asebebia, and his
sons, and his
brethren, who
were eighteen.**

**8=48 And Asebia,
and Annus, and
Osaia his brother,
of the sons of
Channuneus, and**

**their sons, were
twenty men.**

8:49 And of the
servants of the
temple whom
David had
ordained, and the
principal men for
the service of the
Levites to wit, the
servants of the

**temple two
hundred and
twenty, the
catalogue
of whose names
were shewed.**

**8:50 And there
I vowed a
fast unto the
young men
before our Lord,**

**to desire of him
a prosperous
journey both for
us and them that
were with us, for
our children, and
for the cattle:**

**8:51 For I was
ashamed to ask
the king footmen,
and horsemen,**

**and conduct for
safeguard against
our adversaries.**

8:52 For we had
said unto the king,
that the power of
the Lord our God
should be with
them that seek
him, to support
them in all ways.

8:53 And again we besought our Lord as touching these things, and found him favourable unto us.

8:54 Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Esebrias, and Assanias,

**and ten men of
their brethren
with them:**

**8=55 And I weighed
them the gold, and
the silver, and the
holy vessels of the
house of our Lord,
which the king,
and his council,
and the princes,**

**and all Israel,
had given.**

8:56 **And when I
had weighed it, I
delivered unto
them six hundred
and fifty talents of
silver, and silver
vessels of an
hundred talents,
and an hundred**

talents of gold,
8=57 And twenty
golden vessels,
and twelve vessels
of brass, even
of fine brass,
glittering
like gold.

8=58 And I said
unto them, Both
ye are holy unto

the Lord, and the vessels are holy, and the gold and the silver is a vow unto the Lord, the Lord of our fathers.

8=59 Watch ye, and keep them till ye deliver them to the chief of the priests and

**Levites, and to
the principal
men of the
families of Israel,
in Jerusalem,
into the chambers
of the house
of our God.**

**8=60 So the priests
and the Levites,
who had received**

**the silver and the
gold and the
vessels, brought
them unto
Jerusalem, into the
temple of the Lord.**

**8=61 And from the
river Theras we
departed the
twelfth day of the
first month, and**

**came to Jerusalem
by the mighty hand
of our Lord, which
was with us: and
from the beginning
of our journey the
Lord delivered us
from every enemy,
and so we came
to Jerusalem.**

8=62 And when we

**had been there
three days, the
gold and silver that
was weighed was
delivered in the
house of our Lord
on the fourth day
unto Marmoth
the priest the
son of Iri.**

8=63 And with him

**was Eleazar the
son of Phinees,
and with them
were Josabad the
son of Jesu and
Moeth the son of
Sabban, Levites:
all was delivered
them by number
and weight.**

8=64 And all the

**weight of them
was written up
the same hour.**

8=65 Moreover they
that were come out
of the captivity
offered sacrifice
unto the Lord God
of Israel, even
twelve bullocks for
all Israel, fourscore

**and sixteen rams,
8=66 Threescore
and twelve lambs,
goats for a peace
offering, twelve; all
of them a sacrifice
to the Lord.**

**8=67 And they
delivered the
king's
commandments**

**unto the king's
stewards' and to
the governors of
Celosyria and
Phenice; and they
honoured the
people and
the temple
of God.**

8=68 Now when
these things

**were done,
the rulers came
unto me, and said,
8:69 The nation of
Israel, the princes,
the priests and
Levites, have not
put away from
them the strange
people of the
land, nor the**

**pollutions of the
Gentiles to wit,
of the Canaanites,
Hittites,
Pheresites,
Jebusites, and
the Moabites,
Egyptians, and
Edomites.**

**8=70 For both they
and their sons**

**have married with
their daughters,
and the holy seed
is mixed with the
strange people of
the land; and from
the beginning of
this matter the
rulers and the
great men have
been partakers**

of this iniquity.

8=7 1 And as soon
as I had heard
these things, I rent
my clothes, and
the holy garment,
and pulled off the
hair from off my
head and beard,
and sat me
down sad and

very heavy.

8=72 So all they
that were then
moved at the word
of the Lord God of
Israel assembled
unto me, whilst I
mourned for the
iniquity: but I
sat still full of
heaviness until the

evening sacrifice.

8=73 Then rising
up from the fast
with my clothes
and the holy
garment rent, and
bowing my knees,
and stretching
forth my hands
unto the Lord,
8=74 I said, O

**Lord, I am
confounded and
ashamed before
thy face;**

8:75 **For our sins
are multiplied
above our heads,
and our
ignorances have
reached up
unto heaven.**

8:76 For ever since the time of our fathers we have been and are in great sin, even unto this day.

8:77 And for our sins and our fathers' we with our brethren and our kings and our

**priests were given
up unto the kings
of the earth, to the
sword, and to
captivity, and for
a prey with shame,
unto this day.**

8=78 And now in
some measure
hath mercy been
shewed unto us

**from thee, O Lord,
that there should
be left us a root
and a name in the
place of thy
sanctuary;**

**8=79 And to
discover unto us
a light in the house
of the Lord our
God, and to give**

**us food in the time
of our servitude.**

**8=80 Yea, when we
were in bondage,
we were not
forsaken of our
Lord; but he made
us gracious before
the kings of Persia,
so that they
gave us food;**

8=81 Yea, and
honoured the
temple of our Lord,
and raised up the
desolate Sion,
that they have
given us a sure
abiding in Jewry
and Jerusalem.

8=82 And now,
O Lord, what shall

**we say, having
these things?
for we have
transgressed thy
commandments,
which thou gavest
by the hand of thy
servants the
prophets, saying,
8=83 That the land,
which ye enter into**

to possess as an heritage, is a land polluted with the pollutions of the strangers of the land, and they have filled it with their uncleanness.

8=84 Therefore now shall ye not join your daughters

**unto their sons,
neither shall ye
take their
daughters unto
your sons.**

8=85 Moreover ye
shall never seek to
have peace with
them, that ye may
be strong, and eat
the good things of

**the land, and that
ye may leave the
inheritance of the
land unto your
children for
evermore.**

**8=86 And all that is
befallen is done
unto us for our
wicked works and
great sins; for**

**thou, O Lord,
didst make
our sins light,
8:87 And didst give
unto us such a
root: but we have
turned back again
to transgress thy
law, and to mingle
ourselves with the
uncleanness of the**

nations of the land.

**8=88 Mightest not
thou be angry with
us to destroy us,
till thou hadst left
us neither root,
seed, nor name?**

**8=89 O Lord of
Israel, thou art
true: for we are left
a root this day.**

8=90 Behold, now
are we before thee
in our iniquities,
for we cannot
stand any longer
by reason of these
things before thee.

8=91 And as
Esdras in his
prayer made his
confession,

**weeping, and lying
flat upon the
ground before the
temple, there
gathered unto him
from Jerusalem
a very great
multitude of men
and women and
children: for there
was great weeping**

**among the
multitude.**

**8:92 Then
Jechonias the son
of Jeelus, one of
the sons of Israel,
called out, and
said, O Esdras,
we have sinned
against the Lord
God, we have**

**married strange
women of the
nations of the land,
and now is all
Israel aloft.**

**8=93 Let us make
an oath to the
Lord, that we
will put away
all our wives,
which we have**

**taken of the
heathen, with
their children,**

**8=94 Like as
thou hast
decreed, and
as many as do
obey the law
of the Lord.**

**8=95 Arise and
put in execution:**

**for to thee doth
this matter
appertain, and
we will be with
thee: do valiantly.**

**8=96 So Esdras
arose, and
took an oath
of the
chief of the
priests and**

**Levites of all
Israel to do
after these
things; and
so they sware.**